

Federal Funding Matrix

Funding Source	Eligible Population	Eligible Services	Funding Level
Title IV-B Subpart 1 (Child Welfare Services)	No eligibility criteria.	Services to prevent abuse and neglect, reduce foster care placements, reunite families, arrange adoption, and ensure adequate foster care.	Non-entitlement capped program. States are required to provide a 25 percent non-federal match.
Subpart 2 (Promoting Safe and Stable Families)	No eligibility criteria.	Services to support families and avert foster care, and time-limited services to reunify families and promote adoption.	State entitlement capped program. States are required to provide a 25 percent non-federal match.
Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance Payments	Children are deemed eligible based on 1996 Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) income guidelines.	Payments to foster care providers to cover basic maintenance, including food, shelter and parental visits. Funds may not be used for direct services.	Open-ended entitlement with federal match equal to state Medicaid matching rate.
Title IV-E Foster Care Administration	Expenses associated with IV-E eligible children in foster care and proportional administrative expenses for the ongoing protective services population.	Placement services, case management, eligibility determinations, licensing, foster care recruitment, and other administrative activities.	Open-ended entitlement with 50 percent federal match.
Title IV-E Foster Care Training	Cost of training proportional to children eligible for title IV-E.	Training of agency staff and foster parents	Open-ended entitlement with 75 percent federal match.
Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Adoption Payments	Special needs children eligible for AFDC or Supplemental Security Income (SSI).	Payments to adoptive parents—not to exceed comparable foster care amounts—to cover basic maintenance costs, including food, shelter, daily supervision, school supplies, insurance, and incidentals.	Open-ended entitlement with federal match equal to state Medicaid matching rate.

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Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Administration	Expenses associated with children eligible for IV-E adoption assistance.	Child placement and other administrative activities.	Open-ended entitlement with 50 percent federal match.
Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Training	Cost of training proportional to children eligible for title IV-E.	Training of agency staff and adoptive parents	Open-ended entitlement with 75 percent federal match. Expenditures in 2002 totaled \$39 million.
Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Nonrecurring Expenses	Special needs children.	Reasonable and necessary adoption fees, court costs, attorney fees, and related expenses. Attorney fees for who? One-time \$ - in fact, is all the adoption assistance \$ one-time or is it on-going?	Open-ended entitlement with 50 percent federal match up to \$2,000 per placement.
Title IV-E Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	Youth (no minimum age) who are likely to remain in care until age 18; youth age 18 to 21 who “aged out” of foster care.	Services include basic living skills training, education, employment initiatives, substance abuse prevention, and preventive health activities. No more than 30 percent of the funds may be used for housing for youth age 18 to 20.	A state entitlement capped program. States are required to provide a 20 percent non-federal match.
Title IV-E Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS)	Not applicable.	Funds support state efforts to develop automated child welfare information systems, including costs associated with planning, design, development, and installation.	Open-ended entitlement with ongoing operational costs matched at 50 percent.

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Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Needy families with children (as defined by the state). For those services that meet one of the last two purposes of the program, there is no requirement that families be needy.	Child welfare–related services must meet one of the four purposes of the program <i>or</i> have been in the state’s AFDC plan on September 30, 1995, or August 21, 1996.	A state entitlement (no individual entitlements). No required state match, but states must spend 75 percent of what they spent in 1994.
Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)	Varies by state. Same as above re TANF	States are given wide discretion in using funds for direct social services, as well as administration, training, and case management.	
Medicaid	Varies by state. Title IV-E–eligible children are categorically eligible. Non-title-IV-E–eligible foster and adopted children are eligible at state option. At state option, eligibility may be extended to former foster youth 18 to 21.	For child welfare purposes, targeted case management and rehabilitative services.	Open-ended entitlement with a variable federal matching rate inversely related to a state’s per capita income; can range from 50 to 83 percent.
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Low-income children and adults who are aged (65 and over), blind, or disabled.	Payments are to cover food, clothing, and shelter, and to cover some nonmedical, disability-related costs.	Federally funded program with no required state match.

Source: Expenditure data from the 2003 Urban Institute Child Welfare Survey.